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SUMMARY: MOBUTU ANNIVERSARY SPEECH COVERED FOREIGN POLICY AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ZAIRE. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING IS DETAILED SUMMARY OF ANNIVERSARY SPEECH MADE BY MOBUTU NOVEMBER 25:

2. HISTORY. MOBUTU BEGAN WITH A DETAILED HISTORY OF THE TRAGIC DIVISIONS MARKING CONGOLESE POLITICS 1960 - 1965. SECESSIONIS, AMBITIONS OF THE "POLITICIANS," AND THE INTERFERENCE OF FOREIGN POWERS FINALLY FORCED THE ARMY TO TAKE POWER.

3. ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC. DURING MOBUTU'S REIGN, UNDER THE ARMY AND THE MPR, ZAIRE HAS ENGAGED IN A "LUTTE SANS MERCI" AGAINST THE COLONIALISTS, MONOPOLISTS, RACISTS, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND "POLITICAILLES." THIS STRUGGLE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL, WITH

RESULT THAT ZAIRE HAS NOW ACHIEVED TOTAL INDEPENDENCE, DIGNITY, AND UNITY.

4. RELATIONS AMONG AFRICAN STATES. ZAIRE HAS LONG SUPPORTED INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS THROUGHOUT AFRICA. ITS AID HAS BEEN GENEROUS AND DISCREET, WITHOUT PUBLICITY. ZAIRE EMPHASIZES SOLIDARITY WITH AFRICAN NATIONS, AND IN PARTICULAR HAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED EGYPT'S POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT IS UNWORTHY FOR AFRICAN STATES TO SLAVISHLY IMITATE FOREIGN IDEOLOGIES. THEY SHOULD NOT INSULT EACH OTHER, AND EVEN THOUGH ZAIRE REFUSES CONTACT WITH SOUTH AFRICA, WE WILL NOT DENOUNCE THOSE WHO HAVE OPENED A DIALOGUE. WE SHOULD AVOID DIVIDING AFRICA INTO SO-CALLED PROGRESSIVE AND SO-CALLED REACTIONARY COUNTRIES.

5. ANGOLA. MOBUTU NOTED ZAIRE'S 2600 KILOMETER BORDER WITH ANGOLA AND FACT THAT ZAIRE "SEPARATES THE FORMER COLONY OF ANGOLA FROM THE PROTECTORATE OF CABINDA." ZAIRE HAS FOR YEARS GENEROUSLY AIDED THE ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. SADLY, ANGOLA IS RELIVING THE CONGO EXPERIENCE: DERISORY AID FROM NON-AFRICAN POWERS DURING THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE, ARMS AID AND IDEOLOGICAL INTERFERENCE AFTERWARD. NOW THAT BLACKS ARE PITTED AGAINST BLACKS, "CERTAIN FOREIGN POWERS" POUR IN TANKS, MISSILES, AND OTHER SOPHISTICATED ARMS, WHICH PROVES THAT THEY ARE RACIST. TOMORROW, THEY WILL DO SAME IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA. MOBUTU PRAISED OAU HEAD IDI AMIN AS AN "AUTHENTIC AFRICAN" FOR COURAGEOUS RESISTANCE TO IMPERIALISM, DESPITE PRESSURES. (APPLAUSE).

6. ZAIRE'S RELATIONS WITH CONGO BRAZZAVILLE. DESPITE THE OPINIONS OF CERTAIN FOREIGN POWERS AND OBSERVERS, ARMED CONFLICT BETWEEN ZAIRE AND CONGO-B IS "IMPOSSIBLE." NGOUABI (PRESIDENT CONGO) IS YOUNGER THAN I (MOBUTU) AND IS "MON PETIT FRERE". (APPLAUSE). I (MOBUTU), BECAUSE OF MY AGE AND EXPERIENCE, WILL SET AN EXAMPLE FOR "WISDOM AND MODERATION" TO NGOUABI.

7. AUTHENTICITY. THE COLONIAL EXPERIENCE DESTROYED THE AFRICAN'S PERSONALITY, ALIENATING HIM FROM HIS OWN CULTURE INDEPENDENCE AND RECOURSE TO AUTHENTICITY HAVE RESTORED THAT PERSONALITY. AUTHENTICITY IS MANIFEST IN DIRECT CONSULTATION OF CHIEF WITH HIS PEOPLE IN FREEDIALOGUE WITH EVERY STRATA OF SOCIETY, AND, FINALLY, IN POPULAR RATIFICATION BY ACCLAMATION. THIS IS UNCLASSIFIED

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AUTHENTIC DEMOCRACY.

8. ECONOMY. MOVING TO ZAIRIAN ECONOMY, MOBUTU TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS WHICH OPERATE TO WORSEN ZAIRIAN POSITION (COPPER, PETROLEUM, BENGUELA RAILROAD). TO FACE UP TO DIFFICULTIES, HE CREATED STABILIZATION COMMISSION TO ACT UNDER HIS PERSONAL LEADERSHIP AND MADE UP OF STATE COMMISSIONERS OF STATE HOLDINGS (PORTFOLIO) AND FINANCE,

DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR OF BANK OF ZAIRE. COMMISSION CHARGED WITH DRAWING UP MEASURES TO GET COUNTRY OUT OF DIFFICULTY. ALL MEASURES DECIDED WOULD BE BY SCRUPULOUSLY EXECUTED. IN PARTICULAR, COMMISSION TO CONTROL 1) ALL CONTRACTS MADE BY GOZ, 2) ALL BUDGETARY OBLIGATIONS AND 3) ALL PAYMENTS IN LOCAL OR FOREIGN CURRENCY.

9. FOUR SUB-COMMISSION WERE CREATED FOR 1) DEBT MANAGERMENTS, 2) IMPORTATION, 3) BUDGET MANAGEMENT AND 4) STATE INVESTMENT MANAGMENT.

10. MOBUTU SAID STABILIZATION COMMISSION HAD COMPLETED ITS INITIAL REPORT, WHICH CONTAINED RADICAL SOLUTIONS. HE HAD APPROVED REPORT. IMF HAD NOT ONLY APPROVED BUT PRAISED COMMISSION'S PRODUCT. THERE REMAINED TO BE ACCOMPLISHED ONLY IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES CHOSEN. THIS WOULD BE EXPECTED WITHIN NEAR FUTURE.

10. IN OVERALL FRAMEWORK OF ECONOMIC REFORM, CREATION OF PRODUCTION COMMITTEES ALSO ANNOUNCED, WHOSE AIM IS REHABILITATION OF AGRICULTURE. COMMITTEE MADE UP OF STATE COMMISSIONERS OF AGRICULTURE, PUBLIC WORKS, TERRITORIAL MANGEMENT AND TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS. COMMITTEE'S TASK WOULD BE TO TAKE MEASURE LEADING TO AUGMENTATION OF AGRICULTURAL EXPORT AND ELIMINATION OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE DEFICIT. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO BE PLACED UPON CORN AND RICE. AT SAME TIME ALL ZAIRIANS SHOULD PLANT MORE FRUIT TREES. ONE SPECIFIC SUGGESTION WAS THAT BIRTH OF EACH AND EVERY ZAIRIAN BABY BE MARKED BY PLANTING OF TREE. ON BROAD SCALE, REGIONAL PROGRAMS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED " ACCORDING TO NATURE OF THE SOIL."

11. PRESIDENT NOTED THAT CONFUSION OF 1965 REQUIRED CENTRALIZATION OF ADMINISTRATION. NOW THANKS TO MPR, GOVERNMENT CAN AFFORD TO DECENTRALIZE, GIVING MORE AUTHORITY TO REGIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMISSIONERS AND EXPERT REGIONAL PLANNERS. REGIONAL RESOURCES WILL BE USED WITHOUT SPIRIT OF REGIONALISM.

12. WITH REGARD TO RADICALIZATION, MOBUTU STATED THAT MEASURES WERE NECESSARY BECAUSE WITHOUT RADICALIZATION, THE BUSINESS OF TEN FAMILIES IN ZAIRE WOULD HAVE ENJOYED AN ANNUAL TURNOVER EQUIVALENT TO THE NATIONAL BUDGET. NOW, CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS ARE TO BE MADE TO THE RADICALIZATION AND INVESTMENT LAWS:

A. ANY FOREIGNER MAY INVEST IN ZAIRE AS LONG AS HE FOLLOWS ZAIRIAN LAW.

B. FOREIGNER MUST HAVE ZAIRIAN PARTNER OF HIS CHOICE WHO HAS AT LEAST 40 PERCENT OF BUSINESS.

C. FOREIGN COMPANIES UNDER INVESTMENT CODE ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THESE MEASURES. HOWEVER, IF THEY WISH TO BE PROGRESSIVE, THEY MAY SELLSHARES TO ZAIRIANS OF THEIR CHOCIE.

D. ZAIRIANS MAY TAKE INITIATIVE WITHOUT LIMITS IN AGRICULTURE.

E. GOZ WILL CREATE BANK OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

F. GOZ RESERVES RIGHT TO REPRESENT ZAIRIAN INTERESTS IN ALL MINING UNDERTAKINGS.

G. GENERAL COMMERCE WILL BE RESERVED TO ZAIRIANS.

H. ANY FORIEGNER WHO HAD INVESTED BETWEEN 1965 AND 1974 IN ZAIRE AND WHOSE COMPANY WAS RADICALIZED, WILL RECEIVE 30 TO 40 PERCENT OF PARTICIPATION IN HIS FORMER COMPANY AS REWARD FOR CONFIDENCE IN THE SECOND REPUBLIC.

I. THOSE COMPANIES WHICH WERE RADICALIZED IN DECEMBER 1974 AND WHICH HAD BELONGED TO ZAIRIANS WILL REMAIN RADICALIZED.

J.DELEGATES GENERAL WILL REMAIN IN COMPANIES WHERE STATE HAS MAJORITY INTERESTS, WITH ROLE OF PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (CHAIRMAN OF BOARD), BUT DAY TO DAY MANAGMENT WILL BE IN HANDS OF INDIVIDUALS CHOSEN FOR COMPETENCE MANAGERS TO BE APPOINTED BY STABILIZATION COMMISSION.
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K. SHARES IN PROFITABLE COMPANIES WILL BE SOLD TO PUBLIC DEFINED AS CADRES OF MPR; IE POLITICAL COMMISSIONERS,
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STATE COMMISSIONERS, MAGISTRATES, OFFICERS OF FAZ, PROFESSORS OF UNIVERSITY AND SUPERIOR INSTITUTES, COMMISSIONERS OF REGION, SUB-REGION AND ZONE, CHIEFS OF COLLECTIVITIES AND LOCALITIES, DIRECTORS GENERAL, AND CIVIL SERVANTS. GOZ WILL INSURE A REGIONAL EQUILIBRIM OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY.

13. WITH REGARD TO TOURISM, MOBUTU NOTED THE RECENT CREATION OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION OF NATURE AND TOURISM. STATED THAT TO ENHANCE TOURISM, LAWS CONTROLLING ENTRANCE INTO ZAIRE WILL BE LIBERALIZED AND IMMIGRATION AND SECURITY AUTHORITIES WILL COOPERATE.

14. PRESIDENT TURNED TO INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE, PRAISING NEW AWARENESS OF NEED FOR EQUITY IN TRADE, DEMONSTRATED MOST EFFECTIVELY BY PRESIDENT OF FRANCE WHO HAS OPENED NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. STATED THAT FRANCE AND ZAIRE HAVE AGREED TO ORGANIZE MEETING OF ALL PARTNERS INTERESTED IN COPPER TRADE.

15. ACHIEVEMENTS. MOBUTU DESCRIBED THREE-PHASE DEVELOPMENT OF INGA HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT. SAID ITS POTENTIAL EXCEEDS THAT
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OF ASWAN OR KARIBA. NOTED THAT INGA'S ENERGY EQUIVALENT IS 130 MILLION TONS OF PETROL. INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONFERENCE WOLL BE CALLED IN 1976 TO STUDY INGA'S POTENTIAL BENEFIT FOR ALL OF CENTRAL AFRICA. BRIEFLY MENTIONED SCHEME TO DEVELOP NAVIGABILITY OF ZAIRE RIVER FROM ATADI TO KINSHASA, AFFORDING DIRECT ACCESS TO SEA BOTH FOR ZAIRE AND FOR BROTHER CAR.

16. CITING OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, MOBUTU MENTIONED CREATION OF CECAMINES AS RELACEMENT FOR UNION MINIERE; COMPAGNIE MARITIME ZAIROISE, NON-EXISTENT, WHEN HE TOOK POWER, NOW BOASTING 10 OCEAN-GOING VESSELS; EXPANSION OF AIR ZAIRE; AND RESTRUCTURING OF ARMY, -CREATION OF ELITE KAMANYLA DIVISION, ECONOMIC AND IDEOLGICAL INTEGRATION OF ARMY INTO NATIONAL LIFE, AND ITS RE-EQUIPMENT WITH MODERN WEAPONS, E.G. MIRAGES.

17. MOBUTU EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH ZAIRIAN PEOPLE, AN ORGANIZED AND DISCIPLINED PEOPLE, WHO ALWAYS RESOND TO HIS CALL. DIVISION AND DISSENTION BEHIND THEM, THE PEOPLE OF ZAIRE ARE NOW RCONCILED AND UNITED UNDER THE MPR. AHEAD, MOBUTU SEES A BRIGHT FUTRE, GREATER PROSPERITY-PROSPERITY NOT FOR THE FEW BUT, THANKS TO RADICALIZATION, FOR ALL.

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